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RESPONSE

In response to the final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2002 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks for entry and consideration along with the Request for Continuing Examination ("the RCE"). Applicants also submit a petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including May 19, 2003 (May 17, 2003, being a Saturday), and a check in the total amount of \$580.00 to cover the filing fee for the submission of the RCE and the two-month extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fee is due for this Response to be entered and considered. Should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

REMARKSStatus of the Claims

Claims 19-29 are pending. Claim 19 is the only independent claim under consideration. Claims 19-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,725,953 to Johnson ("Johnson"). In view of the remarks presented herein, reconsideration of this rejection and allowance of claims 19-29 is respectfully requested.